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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 2, 2000

APPLICATION OF

WASHINGTON GAS ENERGY SERVICES, INC.      CASE NO. PUE000354

For a license to conduct  
business as a competitive  
service provider in electric  
and natural gas retail access  
pilot programs

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On July 6, 2000, Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. ("WGES" or "Applicant"), filed an application for licensure to conduct business as a competitive service provider. The application was completed with an amendment to the application filed July 25, 2000. WGES proposes to provide natural gas in the retail access pilot programs of Washington Gas Light Company and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., and electricity in the retail access pilot programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) and Appalachian Power Company (AEP-Virginia). WGES is an affiliate of Washington Gas Light Company.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the captioned application, the Commission is of the opinion that WGES's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give appropriate notice of its application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an

investigation into the resonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000354.

(2) A copy of WGES's application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or can be ordered from Phillip G. Woodyard, Vice President-Operations, Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc., 950 Herndon Parkway, Suite 280, Herndon, Virginia 20170-5531.

(3) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request for the same in writing to Phillip G. Woodyard at the address set forth above. The Applicant shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(4) On or before August 8, 2000, WGES shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the geographical areas approved by the Commission for each pilot program in which the Applicant seeks to participate:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
WASHINGTON GAS ENERGY SERVICES, INC., TO  
CONDUCT BUSINESS AS A COMPETITIVE SERVICE  
PROVIDER IN ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS RETAIL  
ACCESS PILOT PROGRAMS - CASE NO. PUE000354

On July 6, 2000, Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. ("WGES" or "Applicant") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission for a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider in electric and natural gas retail access pilot programs. WGES amended its application on July 25, 2000. WGES states that it presently intends to provide electricity in the retail access pilot program of Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) and Appalachian Power Company (AEP-Virginia), and natural gas in the retail access pilot programs of Washington Gas Light Company and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. WGES is an affiliate of Washington Gas Light Company.

Copies of WGES's application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218, or can be ordered from Phillip G. Woodyard, Vice President-Operations, Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc., 950 Herndon Parkway, Suite 280, Herndon, Virginia 20170-5531.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on WGES's application may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before August 18, 2000, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000354. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to Applicant's counsel, T. N. Chryssikos, Esquire, Washington Gas Energy

Services, Inc., 950 Herndon Parkway,  
Suite 280, Herndon, Virginia 20170-5531.

WASHINGTON GAS ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on WGES's application may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before August 18, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000354. A copy of any such comments also must simultaneously be served by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to counsel for Applicant, T. N. Chryssikos, Esquire, Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc., 950 Herndon Parkway, Suite 280, Herndon, Virginia 20170-5531.

(6) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of WGES's application and shall present its findings in a Staff report to be filed on or before August 23, 2000.

(7) On or before August 28, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff report and any comments that have been filed, and shall serve a copy of its response on counsel for the Commission Staff and any person(s) submitting comments. Service shall be by such method that ensures that the response is received by August 28, 2000.

(8) Due to the time-sensitive nature of this proceeding, the Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within three (3) business days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-10-450 to -510.

(9) On or before August 18, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the notice required in Ordering paragraph (4).

(10) This matter is continued generally.